

## **PATENT** 5181-70000/P5196

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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Applicant requests consideration of ⊠ the references listed on the attached Form PTO-449 and/or ☐ the additional information identified below in paragraph 3.					
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		The references listed on the Form PTO-1449 were previously cited in application serial no to which the captioned application is seeking priority under 35 U.S.C. §120; therefore, a copy of each reference is not enclosed.			
1.	This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:				
	a. 🔲		within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than		
			continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d); within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an International application;		
			before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or		

	b.		before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus: $\Box$ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, $\underline{\text{or}} \boxtimes \text{a fee of } \$180.00$ .			
	c.		after the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided and a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.			
2.	It is her	reby cert	tified:			
		that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of the Statement; or				
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3.			leration of the following additional information (including any co-pending addoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:			
4.	For eac	ch non-E	English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:			
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			ice is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office report submitted herewith, and/or			
			ice is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the tapplication at page(s), and/or			
		referen	ice is made to the concise explanation set forth below:			
5.		Applic	ant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:			
6.	П	Also e	nclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.			

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7.	The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.
8.	Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC, Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-70000/RCK.

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